

SENATE RESOLUTION 155

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Taniya Starks of  
Whiteville Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those  
Tennesseans who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as young  
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Taniya Starks, a student at Whiteville  
Elementary School, who recently won the Minority Scholarship Essay Contest at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Literacy Luncheon on March 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the annual Literacy Luncheon is hosted by the Gamma Psi Chapter of the  
Phi Delta Kappa Sorority; the Minority Scholarship Essay Contest is open to middle-school and  
high-school aged students in West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for the contest, students were asked to write a 450-word essay on the topic  
"How has the Pandemic Affected You and Your Fellow Classmates in Education?"; and

WHEREAS, sixth-grader Taniya Starks's essay was selected from among a host of  
competitors, and, in addition to being honored at the Literacy Luncheon, she received a laptop  
computer and a monetary gift card; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Starks's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for  
her family, her school, and her community, who are deeply proud of this remarkable young  
woman and her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Taniya Starks has distinguished herself as a young Tennessean of whom  
we can all be proud; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Taniya Starks

upon her stellar achievement as the winner of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Luncheon Minority Scholarship Essay Contest, extending to her our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.